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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposes to set up Research and Innovation Centres in various Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the time by which the new centres are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has already established Research and Innovation Centre (RIC) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Research Park in Chennai. The Centre has been established to provide an eco-system wherein faculties of IIT Madras, research scholars, students and scientists from DRDO would work together on cutting-edge technologies. Such unique collaboration of best minds would greatly influence the direction of Defence R&D in the country in the coming years.

The Centre has started functioning w.e.f. July 2012. The Government has sanctioned ` 23.33 Crore to meet the expenditure (capital and revenue) of RIC which includes creation of laboratory facilities, procurement of high-end servers and other equipment, hiring of accommodation, maintenance charges, etc.

At present, there is no proposal to set up RIC in any other IIT in the country.